

In the Claims:

1 1. (currently amended) A diamond blade formed by providing
2 slots [[(7)]] on the outer peripheral edge of a circular
3 core [[(2)]] and fixing a superabrasive layer [[(3, 4)]] to
4 a portion of the outer peripheral surface of said core
5 located between said [[slots (7),]] slots, wherein

6 said superabrasive layer [[(3, 4)]] includes a first
7 superabrasive layer [[(3)]] having an extension [[(3a)]]
8 formed by partially extending said superabrasive layer
9 toward the inner periphery of the core [[(2)]] and a second
10 superabrasive [[layer (4),]] layer, a reinforcing
11 superabrasive layer [[(5)]] extending from the outer
12 periphery toward the inner periphery of said core is formed
13 on the inner peripheral side of said second superabrasive
14 layer [[(4)]] while said reinforcing superabrasive layer
15 [[(5)]] is located closer to the outer periphery than a
16 radial central portion [[(6)]] of the core and an outer
17 peripheral end [[(5a)]] of said reinforcing superabrasive
18 layer [[(5)]] is located closer to the outer periphery than
19 an inner peripheral end [[(3b)]] of the extension [[(3a)]]
20 of said first superabrasive layer.

1 2. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein a stressing layer is circumferentially continuously
3 or intermittently formed on the radial central portion of
4 said [[core (2).]] core.

1 3. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein said second superabrasive layer [[+4]] is provided
3 with an extension [[+4a]] having a relatively short radial
4 length with respect to the extension [[+3a]] of said first
5 superabrasive layer.

1 4. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 3,
2 wherein the extension [[+4a]] of said second superabrasive
3 layer is formed to a side closer to the inner periphery
4 than a line connecting innermost portions of adjacent slots
5 [[+7]] with each other.

1 5. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein said first superabrasive [[layer-(3),]] layer, said
3 second superabrasive layer [[+4]] and the reinforcing
4 superabrasive layer [[+5]] and said core [[+2]] are
5 bonded to each other by simultaneous sintering.

1 6. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 5,
2 wherein a bond for said reinforcing superabrasive layer
3 [[+5]] consists of a bond reaching the maximum density at
4 a lower temperature than bonds for said first superabrasive
5 layer [[+3]] and the second superabrasive [[layer-(4).]]
6 layer.

1 7. (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein through holes [[+9]] or through grooves [[+8]]
3 are provided on portions of said core [[+2]] provided with
4 said first superabrasive [[layer-(3),]] layer, the second

5 superabrasive layer [[t4]] and the reinforcing
6 superabrasive [[~~layer~~(5).]] layer.

1 **8.** (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein said second superabrasive layer [[t4]] and said
3 reinforcing superabrasive layer [[t5]] are discontinuously
4 formed in the radial direction.

1 **9.** (currently amended) The diamond blade according to claim 1,
2 wherein said first superabrasive [[~~layer~~(3).]] layer, said
3 second superabrasive layer [[t4]] and the reinforcing
4 superabrasive layer [[t5]] are formed with [[grooves
5 (6).]] grooves.

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